

NOMINATION: 1973 NEW JERSEY SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR

HILDA HIDALGO, Ph.D., A.C.S.W.

Dr. Hidalgo, a leader in the Puerto Rican community of Newark, New Jersey, has distinguished herself in a variety of ways:

Performance in applied research, outstanding efforts to bring to the public attention conditions detrimental to the health and welfare of the community, and significant contributions to professional practice.

Applied research:

Three contributions stand out in this area:

- 1) The Puerto Ricans in Newark, New Jersey.
- 2) Ethnic differences influencing the delivery of rehabilitation services.
- 3) Counseling inner city adults in starting higher education.

broad community leadership:

One of the founders and Board Chairman for three years of Aspira of New Jersey (the first Puerto Rican private agency in New Jersey dedicated to education.)

One of the founders and Chairman for two years of Congreso Boricua de New Jersey (Puerto Rican Congress of New Jersey) the first state-wide Puerto Rican agency dedicated to community development.

One of the founders and Program Vice-Chairman of the Puerto

Rican Research and Resources Center, first national Puerto Rican agency dedicated to promote valid research on the Puerto Ricans in U.S.A.

For other accomplishments see Vitae.

Contribution to professional practice:

Dr. Hidalgo initiated the development of a program of undergraduate social work education to be administered by the Department of Community Development at Livingston College, Rutgers, The State University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Dr. Hidalgo was one of the leaders who put pressure on the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work to make the school more responsive to the needs of the Puerto Ricans in New Jersey.

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